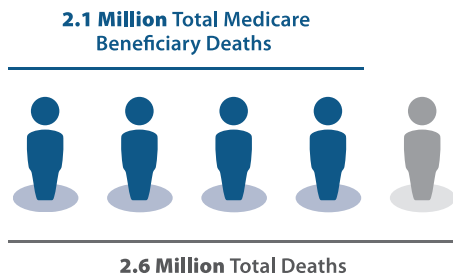
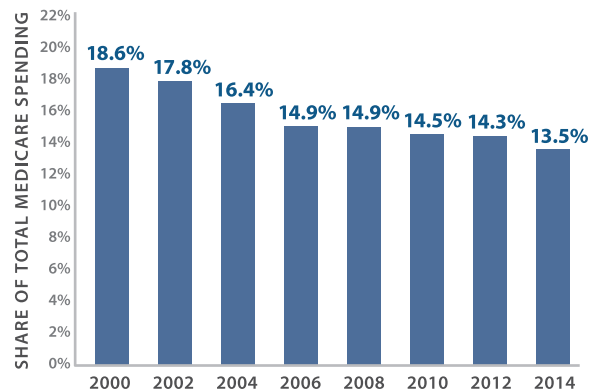


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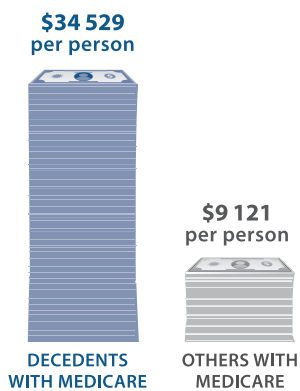
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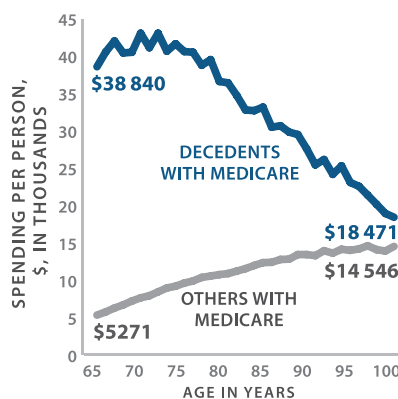
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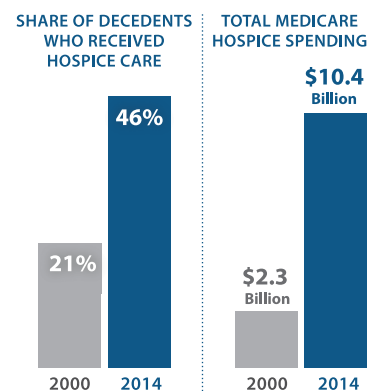
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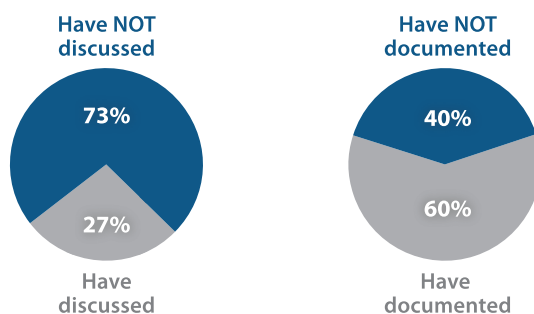
Medicare Spending for EOL Care Decreased With Age in 2014



Medicare Hospice Use and Spending Has Increased



Many People Aged ≥65 Years Have Not Discussed EOL Care With a Physician (2015) or Documented EOL Care Wishes (2013)



Most Physicians Report Not Being Trained to Discuss EOL Care (2016)



Before January 1, 2016, Medicare did not reimburse physicians for patient visits to discuss EOL care.

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